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Following is a directive issued to all provincial Milicja Obywatelska (MO) commands, as translated

To: The Provincial MO Command in

1. We have noticed a complete lack of interest in the List of the Missing Gazetka Poszukiwanych published by the Chief Command of the MO in Warsaw, Criminal Investigation Section. This was noticed during the inspection made in the different offices of the MO.
2. Of the approximately 40 thousand persons now being searched for, only about a thousand have been located by the MO, the Secret Service (UB), and other agencies. Yet these people we are looking for are living somewhere, are certainly working somewhere in order to live, and must be reported to some authority--and the MO is certainly there too. But, as can be seen after two years of the MO's functioning, arrests have been extremely few.
3. We must add that material is constantly coming in, and that the task of keeping the "gazetka" up-to-date is becoming more and more difficult, demanding revision of some thousands of pages.
4. Lack of interest in the "gazetka" is demonstrated by the "disarming" of some tens of MO headquarters in the provinces--although everything was destroyed, not one Provincial Commander has requested replacement of his lists.

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